

of a million of urined inrn. Among them, too, were the Neapolitans, with Murat at their head!

Tin* month of November, 181,'i, won fatal to the fortune of Napoleon. In all parts the⁴ French armies were repulsed and driven back upon the Rhine, while in every direction the Allied forces advanced towards that river. For a considerable time I had eonfidently anticipated the fall of the Kmpire; not t>ecau8e the foreign sovereigns had vowed its destruction, but because I saw the impossibility of Napoleon defending himself against all Europe, and because I knew that, however flesjM»rate might be his fortune, nothing would induce him to eon.se.nt to conditioiiiH which he considered dis-graeeful. At thin time every day was marked by a new defection. Even the Bavarians, the natural Allies of France, they whom the Emperor had led to victory at the commencement of the Hi*i⁹ftiit campaign of Vienna, they whom he had, as it were, adopted on the Field of battle, were now against us, and Wf*r«* the hitteretit of our enemies.

Kv«*n li'fVin* the battle, of Leip«ic, the consequences of which we're HO ruinous to Napoleon, he had felt the necessity of applying to Krant'tt for a supply of troops; as if France had l«»i*n uittxhauHtihlt*. He directed the Empress 'Reagent to iuiiki* thin (ItMnauci; and accordingly Maria Louisa pro-c»i»i*cli*<l in th« Hifiiate, for the first time, in great state: but th*t glories of the Empire wore now on the decline. The Empress obtairtwi a levy of 280,000 troops, but they were no ttoomtr enrolhtd than they ware sacrificed. The defection of the* iiwarttuiB <umKi<lnrably augitientad the difficulties which aKHailed tin* wrwk of the army that had escaped from LeipHio. Tli«* HavurtatiH hail got before UH to Hanau, a town four leagtum ilintattt from Frankfort; there they established them-Hi>lvtx, with tlin viww of (tutting off our retreat; but "French valor rtmHfxi, tlw little town wan speedily carried, and tin* itavHrtarm w«r« rtipiilned with

considerable loss. The Kritsinh army
arrived at Mayonoo; if, indeed, one may
give tin* iiiitii* of army to a few
of men destitute, dis-j*!rit«*cl_r ami
tixhatiMted by fatigue and privation. On
the arrival of the troop* at Mayenoe no
preparation had been